

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Isamu Nakao et al.) Group Art Unit: 1797
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Application No.: 10/563,373) Examiner: Ma, Jameson Q.
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Filed: January 4, 2006) Confirmation No.: 8827
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For: BIOCHEMICAL REACTION)
SYSTEM, BIOCHEMICAL)
REACTION SUBSTRATE,)
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING)
HYBRIDIZATION SUBSTRATE)
AND HYBRIDIZATION)
METHOD)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a Restriction Requirement mailed February 18, 2009, the period for response to which extends through March 18, 2009, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following groups of claims:

- Group I - Claims 1-5, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a biochemical reaction apparatus;
- Group II - Claims 6-11, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a biochemical reaction substrate;
- Group III - Claims 12-14, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a method of producing a hybridization substrate; and
- Group IV - Claims 15-17, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a hybridizing method.

In reply, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, Claims 1-5.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: March 12, 2009

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